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BEIRUT, LEBANON, JULY 22 (AP) - REPORTS OF AN ABORTED PLOT TO BOMB
PRESIDENT GAWAL ABDEL NASSER'S VILLA SAID OUT OF CAIRO TODAY ON THE
EVE OF THE 13TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE REVOLUTION THAT BROUGHT NASSER
TO POWER.

THE NEWSPAPER LE SOIR OF BEIRUT SAID THE ARREST OF THE WELL-
KNOWN EGYPTIAN JOURNALIST MUSTAFA AMIN WAS CONNECTED WITH THE CASE.

BUT IN CAIRO THE GOVERNMENT NEWS AGENCY ASSERTED THAT AMIN WAS
PICKED UP AT HIS HOME IN ALEXANDRIA YESTERDAY AS HE PASSED
SECURITY INFORMATION TO BRUCE TAYLOR O'DELL, 27, POLITICAL ATTACHE
OF THE U.S. EMBASSY IN CAIRO. IT CLAIMED BOTH WERE CONNECTED WITH
THE U.S. CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY (CIA).

WITHOUT GIVING ITS SOURCE, LE SOIR SAID AIR FORCE SQUADRON
LEADER MOHAMMED ISSA NASR SEIZED AN ILYUSHIN BOMBER JULY 16 AT
MAAHOURA AIRPORT TO BOMB THE VILLA IN ALEXANDRIA WHERE NASSER WAS
STAYING.

CPYRGHT BY LE SOIR'S ACCOUNT AIRPORT CONTROL OFFICERS SAW NASR AND
HIS CONFEDERATES LOADING BOMBS ABOARD THE PLANE, CHALLENGED THEM AND
FOUR OF THE PLOTTERS WERE KILLED IN A MELEE. BUT NASR AND A
COMPANION MANAGED TO TAKE OFF IN THE PLANE AND WERE SHOT DOWN 40
MILES WEST OF ALEXANDRIA, LE SOIR SAID.

THE NEWSPAPER ADDED THAT IN ADDITION TO AMIN, MANY OTHERS WERE
ARRESTED, INCLUDING TWO HIGH FOREIGN OFFICIALS AND A HIGH OFFICIAL
OF THE NATIONAL DEFENSE MINISTRY.

IN CAIRO, THE GOVERNMENT NEWS AGENCY SAID AMIN WAS ARRESTED IN
ALEXANDRIA AS HE HANDED OVER TO ODELL (CG) A WEEKLY REPORT
CONTAINING INFORMATION HARMFUL TO EGYPT'S SECURITY. IT REPORTED
ODELL ALSO WAS ARRESTED BUT WAS RELEASED UPON CLAIMING DIPLOMATIC
INNUNITY.

THE AGENCY CHARGED ODELL ACTUALLY WAS A CIA AGENT AND WAS
COLLECTING "POLITICAL ECONOMIC AND MILITARY INFORMATION HARMFUL TO
THE SECURITY OF THE COUNTRY." IT CALLED AMIN "AN AGENT OF THE
CIA."

THERE WAS NO COMMENT FROM THE U.S. EMBASSY IN CAIRO. WHEN THE
REPORT FIRST LEAKED OUT WEDNESDAY, HOWEVER, THE STATE DEPARTMENT
DENIED ANY MEMBER OF THE EMBASSY HAD BEEN ARRESTED. IT SAID AN
OFFICER OF THE EMBASSY HAPPENED TO BE AT AMIN'S HOME IN ALEXANDRIA
WHEN AMIN WAS ARRESTED, WAS QUESTIONED BY POLICE BUT LATER RETURNED
TO CAIRO.

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THE AGENCY SAID THE REPORT HANDED TO ODELL HAD QUESTIONS WRITTEN
IN HIS HANDWRITING, AND THE ANSWERS WERE WRITTEN BY AMIN.

U.S. AMBASSADOR LUCIUS BATTLE WAS SUMMONED TO A BRIEF MEETING
WITH FOREIGN MINISTER MAHMOUD RIAD TO DISCUSS THE AFFAIR.

ODELL, FROM MASSACHUSETTS, LIVES WITH HIS WIFE AND THREE YOUNG
CHILDREN IN THE CAIRO SUBURB OF MAADI. THERE WAS NO REPORT
WHETHER HE HAD BEEN ASKED TO LEAVE EGYPT.

INFORMED SOURCES IN CAIRO SAID THE AGENCY'S ACCOUNT OF THE
INCIDENT WAS DISTORTED. THEY REPORTED AMIN HAS SOCIAL ENGAGEMENTS
FROM TIME TO TIME WITH AMERICANS AND WAS HAVING A ROUTINE LUNCHEON
WITH ODELL WHEN ARRESTED.

THE SOURCES SAID ODELL WAS DETAINED FOR 90 MINUTES AND RELEASED
AFTER SHOWING AN AMERICAN DIPLOMATIC PASSPORT.

AMIN EDITED THE NATIONALIZED WEEKLY NEWSPAPER AKHBAR AL-YOM.
THE NEWSPAPER FOLLOWS NASSER'S GOVERNMENT LINE AND AMIN HIMSELF
HAS OCCASIONALLY WRITTEN ANTI-AMERICAN EDITORIALS.

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